

as well as our allies in the Greater Des Moines area. They offer a safe environment for community members to visit with a large library and free Wi-Fi. The community center also serves as a meeting place for other non-profit organizations with similar missions. It serves as a hub for information and socialization for the gender and sexual minorities in the community.

Erika is a shining example of tireless advocacy to make our community a better place and embodies what Pride Month is all about and what it means to be an Iowan. I will always fight in Congress to make Iowa a more inclusive and welcoming state right alongside Erika and the countless other advocates in our community. It is my pleasure to name Dr. Erika Hendel as Iowan of the Week.

HONORING CLERK OF COURT
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SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Moore County Clerk of Court Susan Hicks for her distinguished career in public service.

Clerk Hicks began her 38-year career as a public servant in Randolph County and began work with the Moore County Clerk of Court's office in 2006. She was later appointed Clerk of Court in 2009 and was elected to the position for the first time in 2010. She would go on to win re-election twice in 2014 and 2018. Over the course of her time in office, Clerk Hicks' leadership succeeded in upholding the Moore County Clerk's Office's historic status as one of the most well-run and effective Clerk's Offices in North Carolina. She oversaw the modernization of office processes to ensure that it will maintain the capacity to keep up with a growing population in Moore County and acclimate to future technological advancements or unforeseen challenges.

Clerk Hicks will retire from her position at the end of the year. Through her expertise and committed leadership, she stands as an example that all in public service should strive to emulate. I know I speak the rest of our community as I express my gratitude for her hard work and wish her well as she enters the next chapter in her life.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Clerk of Court Susan Hicks for her career of exemplary servitude to her community.

HONORING LA'CURTIS JAMON
POWELL

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and self-motivated leader, La'Curtis Jamon Powell.

La'Curtis Jamon Powell was born and raised in Jackson, MS, on January 28, 1997, to the parents of Dorothea Powell and David

White. Powell graduated from Forest Hill High School in 2015, where he participated in various organizations such as Track, Cross Country, DECA, and Student Council. Upon graduating from Forest Hill, Powell received Junior Class Favorite, Mr. Senior, and Most Spirited Senior. After high school Powell immediately enrolled at Thee Jackson State University, where he received a Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice and minor in Military Science. Throughout his tenure at Jackson State University, he has been active in many student organizations.

Through his on-campus involvement, Powell was able to cultivate his natural born leadership skills. One of his biggest accomplishments was chartering the Young Democrats freshman year. His involvement in the process to gain active status for the organization led to Powell receiving an internship with the Mississippi Democratic House Party and later becoming a Campaign Coordinator for then-presidential candidate Hillary Clinton at Jackson State University.

Furthermore, Powell made great strides to improve the well-being of each student at Jackson State on and off campus. He even hosted free ACT workshops for Jackson Public School students. Powell is also Spring 2017 initiate of the Delta Phi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Powell also served as the 73rd Student Government Association President, while simultaneously serving as the Vice president for the Student Body President Council under The Institution of Higher Learning and The Legal Affairs Director for The National Consortium of all HBCUs Student Government Association Presidents.

Now in his career, Powell works as an American Airlines Flight Attendant, based in Charlotte, NC. He is also a commissioned officer in the United States Army as 1LT Powell. Throughout his military career, 1LT Powell served as the Battalion S-1 OIC and HHC Company Commander for the 365th HHC Combat Sustainment Support Battalion located in Jackson, MS, 2019–2021.

1LT LaCurtis Powell currently lives in Atlanta, GA, where he is currently stationed at Fort Gillem as 3rd Medical Command (Deployment Support) and is the Aide de Camp to Brigadier General Peder Swanson, while simultaneously serving at the Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) Program Manager for the entire division. As the IRT Program Manager, 1LT Powell provides free medical services such as Dental, Behavioral Health, Veterinary, Family Practices, and Optometry to rural areas and low incomes citizens. Powell is also seeking his Masters in Student Affairs at The University of Arkansas Tech, while being a national active member in his fraternity and Alma Mater Thee Jackson State University.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing La'Curtis Jamon Powell for his passion for leadership and service to the United States of America.

FAREWELL TO SERGEANT MAJOR
JEREMY D. BARTON

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2022

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a superb Soldier and

Army legislative liaison for his tireless commitment to the United States Army, serving our Nation for 31 years, concluding in the Army Legislative Liaison Office. As Sergeant Major Jeremy D. Barton retires from the United States Army, I believe it is fitting to recognize his service and dedication to fostering the relationship between the United States Army and this Chamber.

Sergeant Major Barton's commitment to service enabled him to excel in numerous leadership positions throughout his Army career. Jeremy began his career by enlisting in the U.S. Army in 1992 as a Field Artilleryman. Throughout his amazing career, he led Soldiers at every level from squad leader through battalion command sergeant major, always placing the needs of his Soldiers and their families first. He also completed numerous demanding Army schools, to include Ranger School, Jumpmaster School, and the Pathfinder Course. He distinguished himself as a tactical and technical expert, serving in the most demanding assignments in the Army, to include multiple deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan and remote locations in Alaska.

Jeremy's relentless commitment to the Army proved invaluable in providing support to the House of Representatives and our constituents. As both a Defense Fellow in my office and an Army Legislative Liaison, he spent countless hours ensuring our Members were educated on Army combat systems, modernization programs and policy initiatives. He also led multiple Congressional Delegations to various locations around the globe. Jeremy has become a trusted adviser and friend to many of us, distinguishing himself by continuously going above and beyond the call of duty to serve the needs of Congress.

This Chamber will feel Sergeant Major Barton's absence. I join many past and present Members of Congress in my gratitude and appreciation to Jeremy for his outstanding leadership and unwavering support. This Nation is grateful for his commitment and the personal sacrifices he has made during his time in the Army Legislative Liaison Office and United States Army.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives and the United States of America, I commend Sergeant Major Jeremy Barton and his family for their dedicated support to our Army, our Soldiers and this Nation. I congratulate him on an extremely successful career, his dedication to service, and wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

IN MEMORY OF JOAN ROBINSON
CHEEKS

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2022

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, today I want to celebrate the life of Joan Robinson Cheeks, a long-time resident of Detroit, as we mourn her loss.

Joan had a long career serving the public in the City of Detroit's Housing Department. Joan proudly stood up for the values she felt strongly about. It was no surprise that upon retirement, Joan threw herself wholeheartedly into work with local organizations, including the Michigan Democratic Party, whose work focused on issues like voter protection. Joan served as a precinct delegate for many years.